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Applicant: Christian Knöpfle et al. Group Art Unit: 3732
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action from the Examiner dated December 29, 2003, Paper No. 17, the subject Amendment is being submitted in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following amendments and the accompanying remarks. A complete listing of all claims pending in the application is included as required under 37 CFR § 1.121.